

THE PROCLAMATION

Thanksgiving Blessing is Subject  
Of President Roosevelt's Letter

ALL SHOULD BE THANKFUL

It has pleased God to bring the American people in safety and honor through another year, and in accordance with the long unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank Him who holds all nations in the hollow of His hand for the mercies thus vouchsafed to us.

During the century and a quarter of our national life we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe our humble and heartfelt thanks to the Author of All Blessings. The year that has closed has been one of peace within our own borders as well as between us and all other nations. The harvests have been abundant, and those who work, whether with hand or brain, are prospering greatly. Reward has waited upon honest effort. We have been enabled to do our duty to ourselves and to others. Never has there been a time when religious and charitable effort has been more evident. Much has been given to us, and much will be expected from us. We speak of what has been done by this nation in no spirit of boastfulness or vainglory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped from above. Hitherto we have been given the heartiest strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose.

We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past, and we pray that in the future we may be strengthened in the unending struggle to do our duty fearlessly and honestly, with charity and good will, with respect for ourselves and with love toward our fellow-men.

In this great republic the effort to combine national strength with personal freedom is being tried on a scale more gigantic than ever before in the world's history. Our success will mean much, not only for ourselves but for the future of all mankind; and every man or woman in our land should feel the grave responsibility resting upon him or her, for in the last analysis this success must depend upon the high average of our individual citizenship, upon the way in which each of us does his duty by himself and his neighbor.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the twenty-fourth of this November, to be observed as a day of festival and thanksgiving by all the people of the United States, at home or abroad, and do recommend that on that day they cease from their ordinary occupations and gather in their several places of worship, or in their homes, devoutly to give thanks unto Almighty God for the benefits He has conferred upon us as individuals and as a nation; and to beseech Him that in the future His divine favor may be continued to us.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington on this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and of the independence of the United States one hundred and twenty-sixth.

By the president,  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

song. Mr. Eylert, the chorister, is taking special pains to make this a delightful occasion. All invited. Further notice next week.

The subject of Reverend H. Booth Hazen's address at the union thanksgiving service in the Congregational church will be "The Thanksgiving Spirit."

At the Baptist church, tomorrow, the regular service will be held. The subject at the morning service will be "Thanksgiving Day: Its Needs and Opportunity."

A reception was given last Thursday at Elgin to Reverend H. H. Rood. There were nearly four hundred people present. The Elgin papers give long accounts of the affair.

The ladies' aid of the Congregational church will give a lunch in their rooms at the church on December 16. They will also have a sale table of fancy things suitable for Christmas presents. Please remember the date.

A reception was given the new rector of St. Andrew's church, Reverend Mr. Carr, on Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. Findley. Quite a number were present and a good time in general was enjoyed by all.

A special union service will be held at the Congregational church on thanksgiving day at ten-forty-five. Reverend H. Booth Hazen will preach. The choirs of the three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational, will furnish the music.

The woman's guild of St. Andrew's church will hold their annual bazaar in Oldfield's hall on December 8. An unusual display of beautiful and useful articles will be on sale. Refreshments—ice cream, cake and coffee—will be served in the afternoon and supper in the evening.

Library Shooting Match

Quite a number wended their way towards Gilbert avenue on Saturday afternoon where the ladies of the library association had set up a shooting range and invited all to try their luck at the "bull-eye." About twenty-five contestants entered, and the scores were good in some cases and not quite so good in others. The ladies also took a turn at the "weapons," and with steady aim some made pretty good scores. The rifles, ammunition and other paraphernalia were donated by the Marlin rifle club, a local organization. The targets were set up in the woods just west of the residence of W. A. Radell, of Gilbert avenue. Messrs. Sacksteder and McDougal took charge of the rifles, while Mrs. Radell, her daughter, Miss Mabel, and Mrs. Sacksteder managed the women's contest. There were two prizes, one for men and the other for women. The scores were as follows:

George McDougal, 21 1-2.  
E. S. White, 23 1-2.  
C. D. Murphy, 23 1-2.  
Miss Radell, 17.  
Mrs. Harry Wheeler, 15 1-2.  
Mrs. Ballard Waples, 14 1-2.

The first-named contestant for the men received a cigar jar as a prize, while Miss Radell was presented with a purse on behalf of the ladies. The proceeds totalled \$7.75. The ladies of the library association extend their thanks to all who helped to make the affair a success and to the Marlin club for their assistance and donation.

Death of William Pys

William Pys, well known in this section, died very suddenly in Chicago on Friday morning of last week. Deceased was born in England and emigrating to this country in his fourteenth year spent his early years with relatives in this section. He was married twice, first to Emily Atwood and then to Mary Jane Thomas. Both of his wives passed away some years ago and were interred here in the village cemetery. It seems that, as near as can be learned, deceased had just stepped out of the elevator at the office of his mill in Chicago when he was suddenly seized with an attack of heart failure and

expired in a few minutes. He leaves three children, two sons and one daughter, to mourn him. For some years he has been living with his children at 661 Washington boulevard, Chicago, and at this place a service was held on Sunday and on Monday the remains were brought here and interred in the old settlers' cemetery on south Main street.

The High School Musical

The musical given by the high school chorus in the Congregational church, on Thursday night, afforded the people of the village the opportunity to hear an exceptionally fine program. The chorus was solid, massive and inspiring, showing in every number a carefulness, precision and musical feeling not usual in such young singers. The dignity with which the weightier numbers were rendered, the grace and spirit of the lighter songs, indicated careful musical training on the part of the leader and very faithful practice on the part of the young people themselves. The solo numbers and quartets were also received with much favor. Among many numbers worthy of special mention the beautiful solo "Lullaby and Good Night," by Miss Rodkey, with the chorus accompanying, was distinctly the most effective and delightful part of the program. As a whole, it would be hard to imagine a more pleasing or successful entertainment.

Miscellaneous Locals

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For Sale Cheap—Sideboard, bedroom set, other furniture, ice-box, etc., at C. E. Morse's house, Ducat estate.  
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Among the Churches

There will be a special thanksgiving service in the evening at the Evangelical church. Reverend A. E. Egli will conduct the same.

The subject of the sermon at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for Sunday, November 20, is "Ancient and Modern Necromancy; or, Mesmerism and Hypnotism." Text: "Then Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set eyes on him and said, O, full of all subtilty and mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to prevent the right ways of the Lord?"—Acts xiii: 9, 10.

A very large number were in attendance last Sunday evening at the Methodist church. The special music by the choir was appreciated by all. Miss Rodkey, the leader, has a splendid voice, and has made an able leader of the choir.

At the Congregational church next Sunday, November 20, at five o'clock in the evening, the pastor will give a stereoscopic picture sermon on the life of "Daniel, the Prophet"—the Sunday school lesson for that day. Parents and children are specially invited. All will be welcome.

At the First Congregational church on Sunday afternoon, November 27, at the usual five o'clock vesper service, the church choir, with other specially invited singers, will render a service on

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